

Illinois Prescribed Burn Manager Certification Board (IPBMCB)

Report to the Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

July 2012 – June 2013

This report is prepared in compliance with the 17 Ill. Admin Code 1565.70f

I. Members of the IPBMCB

The Board shall be made up of three representatives designated by the Director (IDNR), one representative designated by the INPC, and one representative designated by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (17 IL Admin Code 1565.10).

Within the reporting period, Board Members were:

Paul Brewer, IDNR Wildlife Resources
Tom Wilson, IDNR Forestry
Bob Szafoni, IDNR Natural Heritage
Randy Heidorn, INPC & IPBMCB Presiding Officer
Les Albert. Office of State Fire Marshal
Jack Pizzo, Pizzo and Associates (2013 – present; see below)

Past members:

Michael Moos, Office of State Fire Marshal (2010-2012)

II. Progress of the IPBMCB

Within the reporting period, the IPBMCB:

- Selected a Presiding Officer and established a meeting schedule for 2012 - 2013. Reviewed 41 applications for certification as an Illinois Prescribed Burn Manager
- Completed efforts to include electronic means in the conduct of Board meetings (Resolution 2-3)
- Maintained the web-based outlet for applications, Board meetings and minutes, reports, and other Board products and resources
(http://dnr.state.il.us/conservation/forestry/Wildland_Fire/index.htm)
- Completed legal review and finalized modifications to the Administrative Rules for the Illinois Prescribed Burning Act that:
 - Add one additional member to the IPBMCB; bring the total number to six. The additional member would be a non-state employee involved in prescribed fire implementation and management
 - Extend the “grandfathering date” to December 31, 2015
 - Permit the IPBMCB meetings to be conducted by conference call and other electronic means in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)
 - Establish a quorum of the Board as four members

(Resolutions 2-3, 2-4, 3-5, 3-6, 5-8)

- Nominate Jack Pizzo, Pizzo & Associates to serve on the Board. Mr. Pizzo accepted and began serving at the 8th meeting of the Board.

III. Status of Illinois Prescribed Burn Manager Certification Program

As of June, 2012, 494 applicants were approved as Illinois Certified Prescribed Burn Managers. By certification category, 460 applicants were certified under the grandfathering criteria and 34 were certified by the apprenticeship process. No applications were received for equivalency under other state or federal prescribed fire certification program processes.

IV. Prescribed burns that have escaped reported to the IPBMCB

Within the reporting period, the Illinois Prescribed Burn Manager Certification Board received no reports of escaped fires as per 17 IL Admin Code 1565.60c.

V. Meetings of the Illinois Prescribed Burn Manager Certification Board

Meeting Number	Meeting Dates
7	25 September 2012
8	11 June 2013